

To the Honourable the COMMONS
IN
PARLIAMENT
ASSEMBLED.

*The humble Petition of the Reduced Officers and Souldiers intrusted on the be-
halfe of the subscribers of a late Petition presented to this Honourable House.*

Sheweth,

That their deep sence of those uncessant and endlesse clamours that did attend your Honours, the extream Pennury and thraldome of their fellow Officers and Souldiers, and your Honours willingnesse to remove the same (expressed by your severall *Notes and Orders*) encouraged them to contrive such a way for their present subsistence, and future satisfaction, as they humbly conceived might be most effectually to those ends, and least prejudiciall or obstructive to the grand affaires of this *Kingdome*, which being referred to a select Committee, was after severall debates approved on, then the particular heads twice read in this Honourable House, first Committed and at last past, and ordered that an Ordinance should be brought in, in pursuance thereof, which respective considerations has invited your *Petitioners*, to an Elaborate and expensive attendance, wherein, if they shall be longer delayed they must inevitably be ruined and the rest perish, And lest their silence might argue a guilt, they have thought fit to take notice of some *un-merited* prejudices, that are thrown upon them by converting the prosecution of their honest intentions, into a dishonest and destructive designe, wherein they presume the said Committee will give sufficient *Testimony* of their Candid affections, and constant Honor to this House, expressed by their Civilities in all their Addresses to them.

The premises your *Petitioners* humbly submit to your Honours consideration and therefore pray

That you would no longer prerogue the passing of the Ordinance, now before you, so as by vertue thereof, there may be an evident assurance to gaine the present advance of the hundred thousand pounds already voted to make up the three Months full pay, those indurance released and all protested, for prevention of those cruell and un-heard-of miseries that will otherwise of necessity accrue to the said Petitioners, whose enforced cryes and unpittyed sufferings (for want of their so dearly-deserved sallary) cannot but attract some heavy judgments from the God of Justice on this whole Nation which wee dread to think on, it being in no humane power, but yours to divert and whereby you will perpetuate your former engagements on them which is the hearty

prayers of

James Mydhope,	Edward Freeman,
Richard Sandys,	John White,
Edward Aldrich,	William Tovey,
Walter Bosvill,	John Fincher,